



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO **MANAGER'S REPORT**

DATE ISSUED: May 31, 2002 REPORT NO. 02-133

ATTENTION: Rules Committee
Agenda of June 5, 2002

SUBJECT: Budget Plan for FY 2003 Urban Forestry Program

SUMMARY

Issue - Shall Rules Committee accept the May 30, 2002 Draft FY 2003 Urban Forest Budget Plan and refer to the FY 2003 budget deliberations those elements of the Budget Plan that require City Council action?

Manager's Recommendation - Accept the City Manager's list of potential actions for a May 30, 2002 Draft FY 2003 Urban Forest Budget Plan and refer to the FY 2003 budget deliberations those elements of the Budget Plan that require City Council action.

Other Recommendations - None. The Tree Advisory Board will review and comment on the Draft Budget Plan at its June 12, 2002 meeting, in time to provide comments prior to the close of FY 2003 budget deliberations.

Fiscal Impact - None with this action.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2002, Rules Committee discussed urban forest issues. The Committee's actions, and the Manager's status report on each, are as follows:

Committee Action #1: Continue the item to the June 5, 2002 Rules Committee meeting.

Manager's Status Report: At the May 22nd meeting, it was indicated that the plan for planting 5,000 trees by June 30, 2003 is a dynamic one, which will be revised as needed to reflect opportunities and constraints. In fact, the attached Budget Plan has been revised since the one presented to the Rules Committee on May 22nd. The changes from the May 22nd plan are shown in italics. Due to the time constraints of FY 2003 budget deliberations, it is recommended that

the Rules Committee consider the Draft Plan and schedule it for City Council budget deliberation on or after June 13, 2002. The Tree Advisory Board will review and comment on the Draft Budget Plan at its June 12, 2002 meeting.

Committee Action #2: Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney the issue of whether sewer or water funds can be used to pay for root barriers and other tree maintenance issues.

Manager's Status Report: A verbal status report on the following topics will be provided at the June 5, 2002 Rules Committee meeting: a) potential for using the Sewer Fund to pay for street tree root pruning and root barriers, thereby releasing budgeted Transportation Dept. funds for other tree maintenance purposes; and b) issues associated with having adjacent residents and business owners sign tree maintenance agreements for trees planted on public property.

Committee Action #3: Ask the Tree Advisory Board to return with their proposal for a Tree Protection Ordinance at the Rules Committee meeting of July 24, 2002.

Manager's Status Report: It is the Manager's intent to obtain City departments' input on the Tree Advisory Board's proposed ordinance and return to the Rules Committee on July 24, 2002.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Direct the Manager to return to Rules Committee in September, 2002 with a recommendation on the Tree Advisory Board's proposed ordinance after obtaining review and comment from City departments and the Community Planners Committee.
2. Do not refer the Budget Plan's budgetary recommendations to FY 2003 budget deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: [City Manager's List of Potential Actions for a Draft FY 2003 Urban Forest Budget Plan](#)